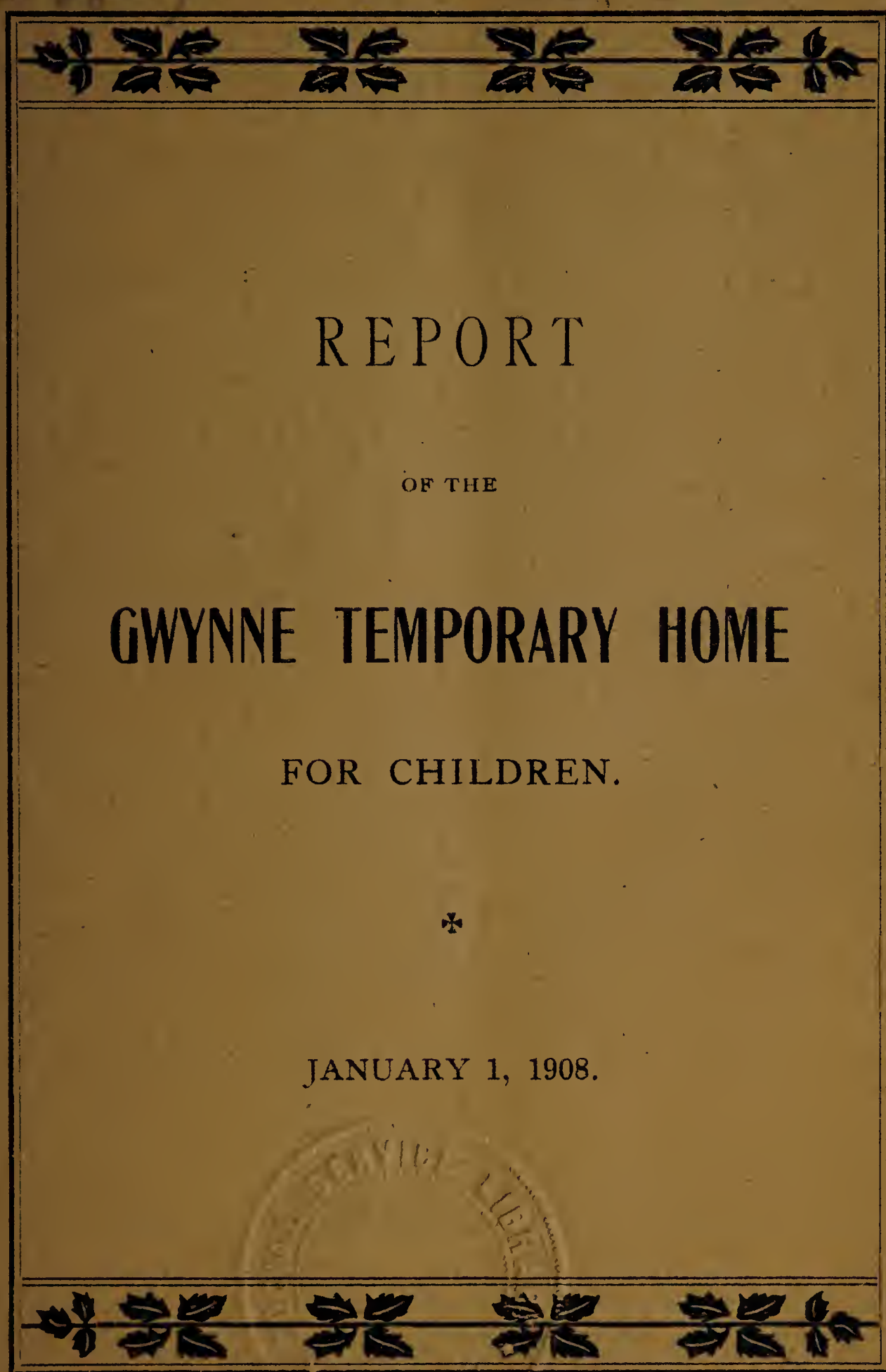


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REPORT
OF THE
GWYNNE TEMPORARY HOME
FOR CHILDREN.



JANUARY 1, 1908.



ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

BOARD OF MANAGERS

OF THE

Gwynne Temporary Home for Children

(46 WORCESTER STREET, BOSTON)

FOR THE YEAR 1907

BOSTON
THOMAS GROOM & CO.
105 STATE STREET
1908

This Institution was first started as a Home in January, 1847, on Albany Street, was incorporated as the Temporary Home for the Destitute by an Act of Incorporation passed February 27, 1852, and moved to Kneeland Street in 1853.

In the Act of Incorporation it was stated to be "for the purpose of affording shelter and support to children and other persons destitute of a home, until more permanent provision can be made for them."

By an additional act passed May 16, 1865, "The Board of Managers of the Temporary Home for the Destitute shall have authority to receive into their house such children as they may deem suitable objects for charity, and also to accept a surrender in writing by the father, and when there is no father, by the mother, and when there is no father or mother, by the guardian of any child or children, to the care and direction of said corporation; and to bind out in virtuous families until the age of twenty-one years, any boy or boys thus surrendered, and, until the age of eighteen years, any female child or children thus surrendered." Under this Act infants were first taken December 25, 1871.

In 1871 the Home was moved to Pine Street Place, and again in 1884 to 46-48 Worcester Street, its present location.

By an Act passed March 9, 1888, the name of the Institution was changed to

"THE GWYNNE TEMPORARY HOME FOR CHILDREN."

OFFICERS FOR 1908.

President,

JOHN D. WILLIAMS

160 STATE STREET.

Vice-President,

WILLIAM FAXON, JR.

Treasurer,

WILLIAM FAXON, JR.

23 COURT STREET.

Counsellors,

MISS M. C. STEVENSON, MISS A. C. AYRES.

Clerk,

EZRA H. BAKER.

Managers,

JAN. JOHN D. WILLIAMS.	MISS C. P. NOYES.
FEB. GEORGE B. DEWSON.	MRS. ALEX. F. WADSWORTH. ✓
MAR. C. L. DENORMANDIE.	MRS. G. S. CURTIS.
APR. ROBERT S. STURGIS.	MISS MIRIAM P. HAMLEN.
MAY HERBERT CLARK.	MRS. ROBERT B. FAIRBAIRN. ✓
JUNE GEORGE C. CHANEY.	MRS. G. W. WHEELWRIGHT
JULY WILLIAM FAXON, JR.	MRS. WILLIAM FAXON, JR. ✓
AUG. EZRA H. BAKER.	MRS. CHAS. HOPKINSON.
SEPT. ARTHUR H. DAKIN.	MRS. W. W. BLACKMAR. ✓
OCT. NATHANIEL N. THAYER.	MRS. NATHANIEL N. THAYER.
NOV. ARTHUR W. MOORS.	MISS ELIZABETH B. BROWN. ✓
DEC. DR. J. PAYSON CLARK.	MRS. GEORGE B. DEWSON.

Assistant Managers,

MISS ELEANOR G. MAY.	MISS ELIZABETH R. TYSON.
MISS LOUISE FITZ.	MISS MARY O. CLARK.
RALPH MAY.	

Matron,

MISS FLORENCE C. PEARSON

COMMITTEES FOR 1908.

School.

MRS. BLACKMAR.

MRS. FAXON.

MRS. WADSWORTH.

Repairs and Furnishing.

MISS BROWN.

MRS. FAIRBAIRN.

MR. THAYER.

Supplies.

MR. DENORMANDIE.

DR. CLARK.

Finance.

MR. WILLIAMS.

MR. FAXON.

MR. BAKER.

Printing Annual Report.

MR. WILLIAMS.

MR. FAXON.

MR. BAKER.

Distributing Annual Report.

MRS. DEWSON.

MRS. WADSWORTH.

Hygiene and Food.

DR. CLARK.

MRS. CURTIS.

MR. STURGIS.

REPORT FOR 1908.

The record of the Gwynne Temporary Home for Children during the past year—the sixty-first of its existence—presents no new or unusual incidents for our report nor any novel problems for our solution.

The daily work, as for many years, has dealt with children of various ages; the younger have been boarded in carefully selected families, the elder have been cared for in the Home itself; the work has been interrupted once for a few weeks by an outbreak of diphtheria, of a mild type, but on the whole the health of the children has been good and we are thankful we have no deaths to report.

Few children—only two—have been placed in homes for adoption the past year. As mentioned in previous reports this branch of our work has dwindled to very small proportions; but if, as we believe, it indicates an increased effort on the part of parents to keep their families united and unbroken, we cannot regret the small amount of this work.

Our Treasurer's Statement shows the generosity with which our friends for so many years have not only supported us but have provided for the future. The names of many of our beneficent donors will be seen no longer except as the founders of special funds or as the givers of bequests. Their kindness provides for the

future but their personal interest will be sadly missed. One great need of the Home is the active, personal support, especially of younger persons, who will carry on the work already established, and if need be develop it in such ways that the spirit and intent of the labors of those who started and fostered this charity in the beginning and for so many years carried it on, shall increase year by year so that the influence of the Gwynne Home may be ever greater. Methods of administration may change, charitable work may be specialized, but the opportunities for giving temporary relief to suffering children cannot grow less in a large city like ours, especially with its ever increasing number of immigrants of so many different races and strange languages and customs.

Our Home knows no creed or race, it is ready to help every one it can. Situated, as it is, in the midst of an ever changing population, too many of whom are without any deep sense of responsibility, the Home would seem to be one of the most available sources of help in the city.

During the year we have had many kindnesses shown our children and our thanks are due to the following: Rev. D. W. Waldron, outing for the children at Franklin Park; Herford Club of the Arlington Street Church, an entertainment by Professor LeRoy; Mr. A. R. Rogers, an invitation for the children to attend the Food Fair; Barnard Memorial, an invitation to the children's party at Mechanics Hall on Washington's Birthday; Boston Elevated Railway Co., two hundred car tickets; Metropolitan Outing Association, through Miss Alice Hall, an excursion down the harbor;

Rev. M. R. Deming, a day's outing at Beachmont and Wonderland.

We cordially thank the matron, the visiting physician, and all the employees of the Home for their faithful work during the year.

Children in the Home December 31, 1906 . . .	36
Received during 1906-7	263
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	299
Placed in other institutions	59
Placed for adoption	2
Married	1
Returned to parents and friends	218
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	280
Remaining in the Home December 30, 1907	19
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	299

Boston, December 30, 1907.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE I.

MEMBERSHIP.

All signers of the Constitution and By-Laws who shall have contributed for two successive years to the funds of the Corporation shall be members; and membership shall cease on failure for one year so to contribute.

ARTICLE II.

ANNUAL MEETING AND OFFICERS.

The Annual Meeting shall be held on the last Monday of December (or if that is a holiday, on the Tuesday following), at such hour and place as the President and Clerk shall appoint. Notice shall be given in a daily paper published in Boston seven days at least before the meeting. A President, one or more Vice-Presidents, a Clerk, Treasurer, twenty-four Managers, and not less than five Assistant Managers, shall be chosen by ballot at this meeting to serve for one year, and until others are chosen and qualified in their stead.

The Board of Managers, at any regular meeting or at any special meeting called for the purpose, may fill any vacancies in any of the offices of the Corporation.

ARTICLE III.

BOARD OF CONTROL.

The Managers shall be one half gentlemen and one half ladies, and shall, with the Assistant Managers and

other officers (named in Article II), constitute a Board of Control, which shall have entire charge of the affairs of the Corporation, including power to authorize a committee of three of the members of the Board to make contracts, and to sell, mortgage, or otherwise dispose of its property, real and personal. The Board shall fix the times and places for its meetings, and, unless otherwise determined by said Board, shall meet once a month, on the last Monday of every month, or if this should be a holiday, then on the following Tuesday. The Board of Control shall appoint two Managers, a gentleman and a lady, a committee for each month; shall appoint a school committee, a committee on repairs, a committee on supplies, and a committee on finance, who shall also act as an auditing committee; and shall have power to fill all vacancies. Any person who shall have served for ten consecutive years on the Board shall be eligible, on resignation, to the office of Counsellor, with a vote in the Board when present. The Assistant Managers may act on committees for the month, or otherwise assist the work of the Home.

ARTICLE IV.

COMMITTEES OF THE MONTH.

During the month which shall begin immediately after the monthly meeting, the committee of the month shall have charge of the Home, including, in consultation with the Matron, the admission, discharge, and placing the inmates.

ARTICLE V.

MATRON, ASSISTANT MATRON, TEACHER, AND HOUSEKEEPER.

The Matron shall be chosen by the Board of Control; she shall have entire charge of the Home and its inmates, under the direction of the Board of Control, including

power to employ and dismiss servants. The Assistant Matron, Teacher, and Housekeeper, when such are employed, shall be appointed by the Board of Control, but may be dismissed by the committee of the month, with the approval of the President.

ARTICLE VI.

QUORUM.

Six members shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the Corporation or of the Board of Control.

ARTICLE VII.

SPECIAL MEETINGS.

Special Meetings of the Corporation may be called at any time by the President, to be notified by the Clerk, in the same manner as the Annual Meeting; and of the Board of Control, by notice to each member through the Post Office; and these Meetings shall be called at any time, on the written application of not less than six members.

ARTICLE VIII.

AMENDMENTS.

The Constitution and By-Laws may be amended at any meeting of the Corporation at which the purpose to amend the Constitution and By-Laws shall have been stated as one of the objects of the meeting.

ARTICLE IX.

OFFICERS' DUTIES.

The President, Vice-Presidents, Clerk, and Treasurer shall perform the ordinary duties of their offices. The Treasurer shall submit a report to the Annual Meeting

and whenever requested by the President or Committee of Finance; and shall act under the direction of the Committee of Finance in making or changing investments. All bills shall be approved by at least one member of the committee. The Treasurer may employ a Collector.

ARTICLE X.

ADOPTION.

In all cases where children are adopted from this institution, the President and Clerk are hereby authorized and empowered to give the consent of this institution to such adoption, and to sign, in the name of this institution, all papers necessary to perfect the adoption of such children.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Dr. THE GWYNNE TEMPORARY HOME FOR CHILDREN, *in account with* WILLIAM FAXON, JR., *Treas.* **Cr.**

1907. Dec. 30.	To cash paid during the year for		
	Provisions and Groceries,	\$2,251.32	
	Clothing, - - -	410.34	
	Wages, - - -	2,464.37	
	Board of Children, - - -	232.75	
	Infant Department, - - -	505.93	
	Water, - - -	38.00	
	Gas, - - -	95.91	
	Fuel, - - -	358.61	
	Laundry, - - -	641.90	
	Printing, - - -	45.75	
	Repairs and Renewals, - - -	538.12	
	Telephone - - -	89.48	
	Ice, - - -	47.69	
	"Lowell-Thayer Fund", - - -	-	
	for Thanksgiving and - - -	-	
	Christmas Dinners, - - -	20.00	
	Sundries - - -	722.57	
	Investments, - - -	-	\$8,462.74
	Accrued interest paid on - - -	-	22,934.38
	investments - - -	-	62.50
	Cash in hands of Matron, - - -	-	3.71
	Balance, cash on hand, - - -	-	1,348.96
			<u>\$32,812.29</u>
1906. Dec. 31.	By balance of old account,		\$17,366.34
	"Cash in hands of Matron,		38.70
1907. Dec. 30.	By subscriptions and dona-		
	tions, - - -	\$312.17	
	Income from investments, - - -	6,205.50	
	Interest on deposits, - - -	38.33	
	Income from S. V. Ashton		
	Trust, - - -	1,550.00	
	Income from Thomas A.		
	Goddard Memorial Fund, - - -	800.00	
	Use of telephone, - - -	1.25	8,907.25
	By legacies,		
	W. W. Blackmar, - - -	3,000.00	
	James D. Lincoln, - - -	2,000.00	5,000.00
	Withdrawn from Franklin		
	Savings Bank, - - -	-	1,500.00
			<u>\$32,812.29</u>

Examined and found correct,

J. D. WILLIAMS,
One of the Auditing Committee.

E. & O. E.

WILLIAM FAXON, JR. Treasurer.
Boston, December 30th, 1907.

LIFE MEMBERS.

- *APPLETON, Mrs. WILLIAM
BAKER, E. H.
- *BARNES, Mrs. CHARLES B.
- *BOND, Mrs. C. L.
- *BRADLEE, Rev. CALEB D.
BROWN, Mrs. JAMES
- *BROWN, ATHERTON T.
BROWN, Mrs. ATHERTON T.
BROWN, Miss ELIZABETH B.
- CHAFFIN, Mrs. W. L.
CHAFFIN, Rev. W. L.
- CHENEY, Mrs. ARTHUR
- CRUFTS, Miss H. C.
- CUSHING, Mrs. BENJAMIN
- *DAVIS, Miss A. W.
DENORMANDIE, Mrs. ROBERT
- *DRAPER, Miss A. A.
DUNCAN, Mrs. GEORGE
- *FAULKNER, Mrs. CHARLES
FIELD, Mrs. B. W.
- *GILMORE, Mrs. ADDISON
GODDARD, Mrs. WILLIAM
GREW, Mrs. HENRY S.
- *HAYWARD, Mrs. GEORGE P.
HOLLINGSWORTH, Mrs. POLLY R.

*Deceased

- HOLLINGSWORTH, Miss ROSE
HOMER, Miss MARY R.
*HOMER, Mrs. PETER T.
HOMER, Mrs. J. T.
HOOPER, Mrs. I. HARRIS
*HOVEY, Miss MARIAN
JOY, Miss CAROLINE A.
KENT, Mrs. HELENA M.
*KIMBALL, MOSES
*LAWRENCE, Mrs. AMOS A.
*LINCOLN, Miss MARY K.
MANN, Mrs. S. H.
MARRS, Mrs. W. D. KINGSMILL
*MERRIAM, Mrs. CHARLES
MORTON, Miss SARAH B.
NORCROSS, GRENVILLE H.
*RICE, HENRY ALLEN
*SHATTUCK, Mrs. GEORGE C.
*STEADMAN, Mrs. MARSHALL
*STETSON, Mrs. JOSHUA
*STORER, Mrs. R. B.
*STORER, Mrs. WILLIAM BRANDT
*THAYER, Mrs. C. L.
THAYER, NATHANIEL N.
*WETHERELL, Mrs. JOHN G.
*WIGGLESWORTH, Miss ANNE
*WILLIAMS, Miss ANN D.

*Deceased

SUBSCRIBERS AND DONORS.

From January 1st, 1907, to January 1st, 1908.

Blackmar, Mrs. W. W.	.	.	.	.	\$25.00
Brewer, Miss Fanny R.	.	.	.	.	10.00
Brown, F. Hassall	.	.	.	.	10.00
Fairbairn, Mrs. Robert B.	.	.	.	.	10.00
Faulkner, Miss Fanny M.	.	.	.	.	10.00
Fitz, Mrs. W. Scott	.	.	.	.	10.00
Highland Sunday School	.	.	.	.	9.76
Hope Chapel Sunday School	.	.	.	.	10.00
Hubbard, Mrs. Eliot	.	.	.	.	5.00
Massachusetts Charitable Fire Society	.	.	.	.	50.00
May, Miss E. G.	.	.	.	.	5.00
J. N. M.	.	.	.	.	10.00
Nickerson, Andrew	.	.	.	.	10.00
Old South Sunday School	.	.	.	.	13.00
Pickman, Mrs. D. L.	.	.	.	.	25.00
Robinson, J. C.	.	.	.	.	10.00
Rogers, Miss Emma	.	.	.	.	5.00
Storer, Misses A. M. and M. G.	.	.	.	.	10.00
Tompkins, Mrs. Orlando	.	.	.	.	5.00
Turner, Miss Abby W.	.	.	.	.	25.00
Unity Church Sunday School, North Easton	.	.	.	.	24.41
Wadsworth, Mrs. Alexander F.	.	.	.	.	10.00
Wheelwright, George W.	.	.	.	.	10.00

DONATIONS TO THE HOME, 1907.

First Parish Benevolent Society, Dorchester.—Ninety garments.

Miss Levi.—Box cookies.

Ladies' Benevolent Society, Second Church, Copley Square.—Fifty-eight garments.

Mr. E. W. Stuber.—Barrel candy.

Mrs. Geo. H. Green.—Picture cards.

King's Chapel Employment Soc.—Eighty garments.

Herford Club, Arlington St. Church.—Easter Lily.

Unknown Friend.—Large picture.

Ladies' Benevolent Society, First Parish, Hingham.
—Clothing, picture cards and mechanical toy.

Rev. B. F. McDaniel.—Sunday School papers.

Sewing Circle, through Miss Lucy Parsons.—Twelve garments and fifteen towels.

Roy and Harry Sanderson.—Barrel apples and can syrup.

Mellin's Food Co.—Two dozen sample bottles Mellin's Food.

Boston Sewing Circle.—Fifty garments.

The Misses Storer.—Packing boxes.

Mrs. Hiram Houston.—Clothing.

Mr. Fields of the Children's Mission.—Two barrels and bag vegetables and fruit.

Cambridge Sewing Club, through Miss Cogswell.
—Thirty-one garments.

Mrs. F. B. Stetson.—Games and toys.

Boston Branch of the Needlework Guild of America.
—Forty-three garments.

First Parish Benevolent Society, Dorchester.—One hundred garments.

Jamaica Plain Branch of the Needlework Guild of America.—Forty-five garments, two pairs side elastics.

Mrs. W. W. Blackmar.—School room supplies and picture cards.

Rev. D. W. Waldron.—Easter cards.

CHRISTMAS.

Miss Bettie Boyd.—Dressed dolls and games.

The Misses Storer.—Box clothing, hoods, mittens and toys.

Miss E. B. Brown.—Five dollars for Christmas gifts.

Mr. F. W. Pearson.—Christmas novelties and candy.

Mrs. Geo. W. Wheelwright.—Turkey.

Mrs. W. W. Blackmar.—Toys, books, games, balls, dolls and colored pictures.

Mr. A. G. Pearson.—Candy canes and box candy.

Mrs. Hiram Houston.—Four dressed dolls and pair mittens knit by herself.

Mr. T. F. Dunton.—Christmas tree and wreaths.

